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## Request for Rescheduling of Oral Argument:

Oral argument in this case has been set for July 11. The undersigned attorney requests that this argument be rescheduled, for the following reasons:

- 1) I am required to be in court in Dallas on July 11 for a hearing, beginning at 11:45am Eastern time, in a civil case to which I am a party. This hearing was scheduled long before the proposed patent appeal hearing on July 11, and will probably extend for at least several hours.
- 2) Nobody else in our firm has done or observed appeal hearings, and I do not want to throw them in cold.
- 3) I dislike telephone hearings, and do not believe that telephone hearings are nearly as effective as live argument. I think that my most important function in a hearing is to understand and directly address any concerns the judges may have, and I believe that face-to-face communication is by far the best way to do this. This allows me to discern facial expressions and gestures, and occasionally to point to a particular part of a drawing. It also allows me to stop instantly when a judge begins to frame a question. Also, my own voice can be difficult to understand, and teleconferencing does not make this easier. I have never done a telephone hearing, and I hope I will never have to.
- 4) For similar reasons, I am reluctant to rely on a videoconference hearing. We do not ourselves have facilities for videoconferencing, and I have never done one.
- 5) Any other date in July, except July 24, is possible. Any date in August is possible.
- 6) In my 20+ years of practice before the BPAI, I do not believe that I have ever requested any such rescheduling. I do not request this accommodation lightly.

The judges and the Board is thanked for considering this request. Respectfully submitted,

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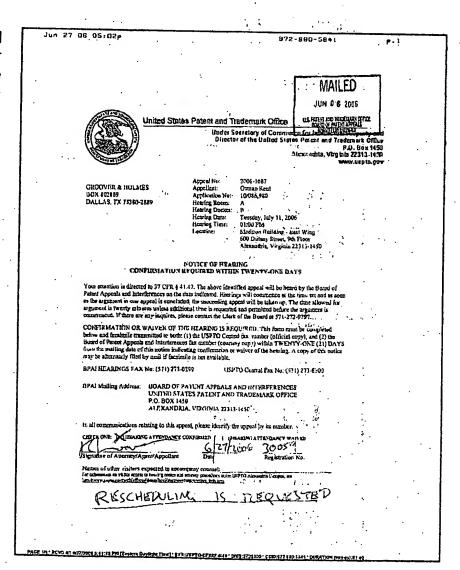
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